

GAMBLING CONTROL COMMISSION

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To: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Re: Commission Public Meetings Conducted in Zoom and In-Person

Since April 2020, the California Gambling Control Commission (Commission) has been able to hold its public meetings and evidentiary hearings solely via Zoom. The Commission has been able to do so due to various Executive Orders, and Assembly Bill 361, that provided temporary exemptions to certain portions of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Act). Specifically, these exemptions temporarily waived the Act's requirement to provide an in-person location for all public meetings and notice the location of all Commissioners. Unfortunately, after nearly two years to the date, the temporary exemptions to these Act requirements will expire at the end of March 2022.

However, the Commission would be remiss if it did not acknowledge the benefit holding meetings via Zoom has provided to its stakeholders. As such, effective April 1, 2022 and for the time being the Commission will continue to hold its meetings and evidentiary hearings via Zoom, as well as meet the Act requirements of noticing the public location for the Commissioners and providing an in-person location for public participation. Please note that although the Commissioners and limited Commission staff will be attending and participating in each meeting from a public location as of April 1, 2022, the Commission strongly encourages stakeholders to continue to access and participate in the Commission's public meetings via Zoom. However, should stakeholders wish to participate in public meetings at an in-person location instead of via Zoom, the in-person location(s) for each public meeting after April 1, 2022, will be noticed, as required by the Act, on each agenda at least ten days prior to the meeting date. For those that choose to participate in person, the Commission strongly encourages your participation at the Commission's hearing room located in Sacramento, the Commission's primary location, over the satellite locations that may be available. When the Commission operates a satellite location, support and occupancy space will be limited.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 263-0700 or via email at <a href="mailto:comments@cgcc.ca.gov">cgcc.ca.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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